

**REMARKS**

In the Office Action, the Examiner requires three elections of species:

- (1) First, the Examiner requires election of a single cosmetically active compound. Office Action at 2-3.
- (2) The Examiner also requires election of a single species of non-reducing activation of the hair. Office Action at 3-5. Specifically the Examiner requires:
  - (a) election of a single method of non-reducing activation, chosen from physical and chemical activation; and
  - (b1) if physical activation is chosen, election of a single means of physical non-reducing activation of hair, or
  - (b2) if chemical activation is chosen, election of a single compound capable of chemical non-reducing activation of hair. *Id.*

(3) Finally, the Examiner requires election of a single species of covalent bond formation chosen, *e.g.*, from those recited in claim 10. Office Action at 5-6.

Applicants respectfully traverse. However, in order to be fully responsive, Applicants hereby elect as follows:

- (1) dye derivatives as the cosmetically active compound;
  - (2)(a) chemical activation as the method of non-reducing activation;
  - (2)(b) polyaklyeneimines as the compound capable of chemical non-reducing activation of hair; and
  - (3) nucleophilic substitution reactions as the covalent bond formation.
- Applicants assert that at least claims 1-5 and 8-35 read on the elected species.

If the Examiner chooses to maintain the election of species requirements, and if the elected groups and species are found to be allowable, Applicants request that the Examiner continue to examine the full scope of the claims to the extent necessary to determine the patentability of the pending claims. See M.P.E.P. § 803.02 and 35 U.S.C. § 121.

***Conclusion***

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and examination of the claims. Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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